

In an effort to meet people, Grieve said she started volunteering in the schools, where her children were attending. Through Girl Scouts and the PTO Grieve said she began feeling more at home.

Soon Grieve began volunteering at St. James Catholic Church, where her family still attends services. Other projects followed. Throughout all of it, Grieve said she remembered to follow in her mother's footsteps—a woman who made her own mark with church fundraisers and bake sales in West Virginia.

The most important rule her mother taught her? "You always send a thank you note and people will respond with your next fundraiser," she said.

CACS Center Coordinator Deb Biehler said Grieve, who has been volunteering with the agency for five years, is a force of positive energy.

"She can work circles around people," said Biehler.

Grieve raises at least three-quarters of the funds raised during Walk for Warmth each year. "We wouldn't have raised the money without her," said Biehler. "She's helped hundreds of people."

And then there are the little things, said Biehler, like volunteering to collect food bank donations every Sunday at St. James and picking up bread for the food bank at local stores when no one else can go.

Members of the Mason Kiwanis Golden K Club say Grieve is an asset to the community. The club's president-elect, Jim Day stated, "She has that rare gift for causing other people to share their time and funds with a minimum of resistance and a maximum of positive results. I am in awe at hearing about her achievements and of the wonderful good that she generates. People who possess her awesome ability and dynamic energy in motivating people in supporting worthwhile causes are very rare individuals."

Mason resident Don Jacot said Grieve's volunteer efforts are felt throughout the Mason community. "She is a trustee for the Fair City Golden K Kiwanis Club. She volunteers for the Signal Corps Operation Up Link for service men and women. She volunteers for the Book Buddies and Head Start. What energy."

Grieve said she is happy to help further good causes. "I know in my heart it makes me feel good," she said. "I get so much out of it. I think if people did it once they'd do it again too."

The staff of the Ingham County Community News is planning a luncheon ceremony in Grieve's honor on Tuesday, June 29 in Mason.

Mr. Speaker, we wish to extend congratulations to Shirley Grieve for her commitment to serving her community. We are honored to support her efforts and ask that our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join us in recognizing their very worthy achievements.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. SIMING YANG

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student from my district, Mr. Siming Yang. Mr. Yang has the distinction of being honored as one of the more than 140 national winners of the 2004 Presidential Scholar Award.

The award honors graduating seniors that excel in their community, both in and out of the classroom. Each year, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects the winners based on Academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and community.

Mr. Yang is invited to be honored in Washington during the upcoming Presidential Scholars National Recognition Week, which runs from June 19 through the 22. Mr. Yang and his family plan to travel to the Nation's Capital at that time, along with his most influential teacher, Mr. Ron C. Carda of Dakota Ridge High School.

Mr. Speaker, Siming Yang has demonstrated, through his academic accomplishments, his willingness to lead his peers, his community achievements, and his dedication, that he is worthy of receiving this honor. So once again, I recognize this young man's achievements before this House today, and I wish him all the best in his bright future.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would improve access to dental coverage for our Nation's most precious commodity, children. As a former practicing dentist in my home state of Idaho, I have long been concerned about access to dental coverage for our most vulnerable citizens. While most Americans have access to the best oral health care in the world, low-income children suffer disproportionately from oral disease. Even as our Nation's health has progressed, dental caries or tooth decay remains the most prevalent chronic childhood disease. Millions of Americans, adults and children, lack access to dental care. In many parts of Idaho, as in many rural States, there simply aren't enough dentists within reasonable distance of some communities.

For people who don't have access to dental care, oral disease is almost 100 percent inevitable—albeit 100 percent preventable. This is particularly heartbreaking when it affects children. Recent demonstration projects have shown that with some Federal support, a little funding can go a long way toward ensuring that low-income children have access to good oral health care. My legislation, H.R. 4622, co-sponsored by Congressman JOHN DINGELL, would assist States in doing just that.

H.R. 4622 would not issue Federal mandates, but rather would provide support to States as they determine how best to improve access to dental care in their communities. I believe that States are the best arbiters of how to enhance access to care for their residents, with the understanding that for any such effort to succeed, it must begin by reimbursing dentists who participate in Medicaid and SCHIP at market rates.

H.R. 4622 would: Provide financial incentives and planning grants to help States improve their Medicaid programs. States must first create a comprehensive plan for improving the delivery of dental services, and they must also adequately reimburse dentists for

children's dental services; Offer grants to expand the availability of dental services in health professional shortage areas. Grants would be made available to dentists who practice in federally designated dental shortage areas if at least 25 percent of their patient-base receives assistance under Medicaid or SCHIP. Grants would also be available to qualifying community health centers, State public health departments, Indian tribes/tribal organizations and accredited dental education programs; Ensure that States provide some level of dental benefits through SCHIP; Offer States the option to use their SCHIP funding to provide dental coverage to children in families who have medical but not dental coverage and meet SCHIP income-eligibility requirements; Expand School-Linked Dental Sealant Programs to include eligible school-linked public or non-profit organizations and Indian tribes that are under contract with an elementary or secondary school to provide dental services to school-aged children.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is but a small step forward toward the goal of ensuring that every child in America has good oral health, but it is a necessary first step. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in supporting H.R. 4622.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was absent attending meetings in my Congressional District in Ohio and missed the votes on rollcall No. 276, on H. Res. 591, designating Community Banking Month; rollcall No. 277, on H.R. 4363, the Helping Hands for Homeownership Act; and rollcall No. 278, on H. Res. 660, Congratulating Randy Johnson with the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 276, "yes" on rollcall No. 277, and "yes" on rollcall No. 278.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 276, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE C. MARSHALL INSTITUTE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the George C. Marshall Institute here in Washington, DC on their 20th anniversary this June.

For the past 2 decades, the Marshall Institute has tirelessly promoted the use of sound